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Draft report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on the 2013 substantive session

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I. Introduction

1. By its resolution 66/297, the General Assembly welcomed the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (A/66/19), decided that the Special Committee, in accordance with its mandate, should continue its efforts for a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects, review the implementation of its previous proposals and consider any new proposals so as to enhance the capacity of the United Nations to fulfil its responsibilities in this field, and requested the Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session.

II. Organizational matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

2. The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations held its 2013 session at United Nations Headquarters from 19 February to 15 March 2013 and held five formal meetings.

3. The session was opened by the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations. At the 227th (opening) meeting, on 19 February, the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations and the Under-Secretary-General for Field Support made statements.

4. The Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support provided support to the Committee on substantive issues, while the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management served as the technical secretariat of the Committee.

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B. Election of officers

5. At the same meeting, the Committee elected its officers by acclamation, as follows:

Chair:
Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu (Nigeria)

Vice-Chairs:
Mr. Mateo Estreme (Argentina)
Mr. Gilles Rivard (Canada)
Mr. Kazutoshi Aikawa (Japan)
Mr. Tomasz Kaszyński (Poland)

Rapporteur:
Mr. Mohamed Sarwat Selim (Egypt)

C. Agenda

6. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda (A/AC.121/2013/L.1), which read:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Organization of work.
5. General debate.
6. Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole.
7. Adoption of the report to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session.
8. Other matters.

7. The Committee also approved its draft programme of work (A/AC.121/2013/L.2).

D. Organization of work

8. Also at its 227th meeting, the Committee decided to establish a working group of the whole, to be chaired by Gilles Rivard (Canada), to consider the substance of the mandate entrusted to the Committee by the General Assembly.

9. At the same meeting, the Committee agreed, without prejudice to any arrangements that might be agreed upon for future sessions, that certain sections and subsections contained in the report on the 2012 substantive session (A/66/19) would be negotiated in the Working Group of the Whole and that those sections and subsections that were not being negotiated in 2013 would be technically updated.

10. The composition of the Committee at its 2013 session is contained in the annex to the present report. The list of documents for the session is contained in A/AC.121/2013/INF/2, and the list of participants at the session is contained in A/AC.121/2013/INF/4.

E. Proceedings of the Committee

11. At its 227th to 230th meetings, on 19 and 20 February, the Committee held a general debate on a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects. Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt (on behalf of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries), Cuba (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States), Thailand (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, then in a national capacity), Australia (on behalf of Canada, Australia and New Zealand), the European Union (also on behalf of Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Iceland, Montenegro, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Ukraine, which aligned themselves with the statement), Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Chile, China, Cuba, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Lebanon, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, the Philippines, Papua New Guinea, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, Senegal, Serbia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Zimbabwe, as well as by the observer for the Sovereign Military Order of Malta.

12. On 21 February, briefings were presented to the Working Group of the Whole on the following topics: operational field issues; responding to the threats of serious and organized crime in post-conflict environments; peacebuilding partners; and civilian capacities.

13. The Working Group of the Whole and its five sub-working groups met from 7 to 15 March, and concluded their work on draft recommendations.

III. Consideration of the draft report of the Working Group

14. At its 231st meeting, on 15 March, the Committee considered the recommendations of the Working Group of the Whole and decided to include its recommendations in the present report (see paras. 16-) for consideration by the General Assembly.

IV. Adoption of the report to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session

15. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted its draft report to the General Assembly as introduced by the Rapporteur of the Committee.

V. Proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Committee

16. [to be inserted]

Annex

Composition of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Members: The Special Committee currently consists of the following 148 members: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Observers: Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Liberia, Myanmar, Panama, South Sudan, Holy See, African Union, European Union, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Criminal Police Organization, International Organization of la Francophonie, Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Sovereign Military Order of Malta.